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which had a democratic constitution. Only a few days ago, I answered in this House that distribution work had been restored to such societies, particularly in the taluk of Palghat.''

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know whether the distribution work has been restored to the Palghat Co-operative Stores? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" I have just now said that the distribution work has been restored to all societies which were doing good work and which had a democratic constitution.''

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" My question was with particular reference to Palghat Co-operative Stores, which was doing good work before the producers cum consumers co-operative societies came into existence. May I know if the case of the Palghat Co-operative Stores has been considered? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" My impression is that it has been considered. But I will have to refer to the file to make myself sure of the position.''

Groundnut oil produced in this Province.

* 42 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO (on behalf of Sri B. Bhima Rao) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Food be pleased to state—

(*a*) the quantity of groundnut oil produced in each district of this Province during each of the three years prior to 31st March 1947 ;

(*b*) the quantity required for internal consumption in the Province annually ;

(*c*) the quantity that could be exported outside the Province ;

(*d*) the quantity permitted to be exported outside the Province during each of the three years prior to 31st March 1947 ;

(*e*) the persons who were granted permits to export to other Provinces quantities in excess of ten tons during the above period, their occupation and address and quantities for which the permits were issued ; and

(*f*) whether any price was fixed for purchase and export and if so, the prices so fixed?

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" (*a*) Approximately 272,000 tons during the period November 1944—October 1945.

Approximately 265,000 tons during November 1945—October 1946.

Approximately 269,000 tons during November 1946—October 1947 (estimated).

This represents estimated production in the province. District-war figures are not available.

" (*b*) About 153,000 tons per annum.

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" (c) 119,000 tons during 1944–45, 112,000 tons during 1945–46 and 116,000 tons during 1946–47. There were no restrictions on the export of oil before 30th January 1946.

" (d) Export permits were issued for 147,716½ tons between February 1946 and October 1946 and for 26,077 tons during November 1946—March 1947 when the control over movement was lifted.

" (e) The Government do not consider that the public interest the list may serve will be commensurate with the labour and time involved in preparing it. They are therefore unable to place the list suggested.

" (f) Yes. Prices were fixed in G.O. No. 1019, Food, dated 19th November 1946 and were revised in G.O. No. 1, Food, dated 1st January 1947 (copies placed in the library of the Secretariat of the Legislature for reference)."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know whether among the permits granted, there were permits for the export of deteriorated oil?"

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" No, Sir."

Vacant site in Government House.

* 43 Q.—SRI P. VIRABHADRASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) the extent of the vacant site in the Government House;

(b) whether there is any proposal to build small houses on the vacant land and rent them out to the clerks of the various Government offices;

(c) if the answer to (b) is in the affirmative, in what stage the proposal is;

(d) whether the fish ponds and the fish lake in the premises of the Government House are in working order; and

(e) if so, what is the revenue and the expenditure on this account?

THE HON. SRI M. BAKTHAVATSALAM :—" (a) Forty acres. This area does not include the yards around the buildings, car parks, roads, ponds and playgrounds. Of this extent, about 20 acres lying mostly around the big oval pond do not contain trees. The remaining 20 acres contain trees such as palmyra, banyan, etc.

" (b) No.

" (c) In view of the answer to clause (b), the question does not arise.

" (d) Yes.

" (e) The scheme for rearing fish in the ponds was initiated in July 1946. The amount so far realized is Rs. 300. The average monthly expenditure is about Rs. 30 being the wages of a watchman."